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Spratt Says Tropical Storm Relief Funds Now Available

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) announced today that federal funds are now available to help individuals and state and local governments recover from Tropical Storm Frances. The storm hit South Carolina on September 6 and the President today declared the state a major disaster area.

"I am pleased that federal disaster funds are now available to help citizens and communities of our state who suffered from this storm," said Spratt.

Spratt said assistance to individuals and households is available to citizens in the following counties: Calhoun, Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Fairfield, Florence, Greenville, Horry, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Marlboro, Newberry, Oconee, Pickens, Richland, Spartanburg, Sumter, Williamsburg, and York.

Individuals in these counties whose property has been damaged or destroyed and whose losses are not covered by insurance may register for assistance and establish eligibility by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for the hearing or speech impaired).

In addition, hazard mitigation assistance to state and local governments is being made available to all counties in South Carolina. Communities can apply for these funds through the state.

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Please Note: A FEMA fact sheet with additional information is attached.